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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER REPORTS ON U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-PIL TESTIFIED ON U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE AND AID DURING 18 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET-SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE SESSION. PRIME MINISTER REPORTEDLY SAID FIVE YEAR ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION PLAN WOULD BE COMPLETED AS AGREED UPON BY U.S. AND ROK, ALTHOUGH PLAN WILL BE DELAYED FOR TWO YEARS. PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO KIM'S REMARKS.

2. KIM MADE REMARKS IN DENYING NDP ALLEGATION THAT U.S. IS CUTTING MILITARY AID BECAUSE OF ROK DOMESTIC PROBLEMS. HE REPORTEDLY ALSO DENIED THAT THE U.S. PLANS TO REDUCE FORCES IN KOREA, OR REPLACE THEM WITH A "MOBILE RESERVE", AND STATED THAT STORIES OF INTENDED U.S. WITHDRAWAL OF MISSILE UNITS ARE NOT TRUE.

3. PRIME MINISTER ASSURED COMMITTEE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD PROMISED THAT ANY CHANGE IN SIZE OR POSITION OF U.S. FORCES IN KOREA WILL BE MADE ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ROKG TO AVOID ADVERSE AFFECT ON SECURITY POSTURE.
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